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Former employee of residential provider convicted and sentenced for criminal abuse of a vulnerable adult and simple assault

Washington, D.C. – Sandra Marshall, a former employee of RCM of Washington, a District of Columbia residential provider for persons with mental retardation and developmental disabilities, has been convicted and sentenced for criminal abuse of a vulnerable adult and simple assault, Acting U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips and District of Columbia Inspector General Charles J. Willoughby announced today.

Marshall, age 57, of Washington, D.C., was found guilty of criminal abuse of a vulnerable adult and simple assault and sentenced on September 23, 2009, in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia before the Honorable Susan Winfield. Judge Winfield sentenced the defendant to 180 days in prison, with all days suspended and six months of supervised probation on each count, to run concurrently. Additionally, the Court ordered Marshall to pay \$100 to the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund.

According to testimony at trial, on December 12, 2008, the victim was a resident of a supervised apartment in Washington, D.C. operated by RCM of Washington. On that day, the defendant raised her hand to hit the victim when a witness stepped in to prevent her from doing so. Later, the defendant hit the victim in the chest with a hot spoon. The victim testified about the abuse, indicating that it hurt and made him sad.

In announcing the conviction and sentence, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips and Inspector General Willoughby praised the work of Investigator Shante McGee of the Office of the Inspector General Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) for her investigation of the criminal abuse. Mr. Phillips and Mr. Willoughby also commended the work of Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Lisa Matsumoto and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Jacqueline N. Schesnol, who jointly prosecuted the case.

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